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(*b*) how many applications were received by the officers, and how many sanctioned; and

(*c*) the number of applications received from Harijans and the number sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rupees 2,47,860.

" (*b*) Rs. 4,625; Rs. 2,443.

" (*c*) 334; 239."

Mica mining

* 1834 *Q*.—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether mica was found in Mayyanur in Kallakurichi taluk;

(*b*) whether the possibility of mining mica in the locality was investigated; and

(*c*) if so, the result of the investigation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The occurrences of mica in Mayyanur had been investigated by the Geological Survey of India Department. They were found to be sporadic and not of any commercial importance."

Industrial dispute in Palar Mills, Walajabad

* 1835 *Q*.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Workers' Union of the Palar Mills, Walajabad, North Arcot district, regarding lock-out of the mills by the management; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government took any action on it and with what results?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) On the intervention of the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, normal work in the mills has been resumed with effect from 29th March 1955."